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Federal Communications Commission

RE: RM-10666

Dear Sir,

RTZ Systems is a broadcast service company whose personnel have long experience providing radio and television service to rural America. We fully support the National Translator Proposal for a Rural Translator Service before the Commission in RM-10666.

In our experience more than two-thirds of television viewers will only use off-air broadcasts for viewing even if that means fewer channels and poor quality of the signals available. Often this is due to not having financial resources for satellite or cable when available. Many are uncomfortable with complexity of current TV receivers and are totally baffled by satellite receivers and cable boxes-especially the elderly. Simple off-air signals are what they want and understand.

Translators provide good (and sometimes the only) service to rural American communities inexpensively with no remuneration, in most cases, to the licensees of these stations. In other words they serve in the "public interest, convenience and necessity" like few other services. To be able to add TV translator services easily as suggested in this rule making is truly in the public interest.

Respectfully,

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Owner